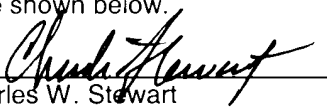




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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge the \$110 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800.  
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